(c) From 8 a.m to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on week days and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays and other holidays.

(d) No restrictions except in the Vadakkancheri and Kunnamkulam depots where sugar sales have been restricted to 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 10 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. respectively.

(e) Yes.

(f) No answer necessary in view of answer to sub-division (e).

(g) No.

(h) No.

INSURANCE CLAIMS BY THE FOOD DEPARTMENT—PARTICULARS OF

37. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) is it a fact that the Food Supply Department failed to recover certain insurance claims as they were barred by limitation and that the amounts had to be written off the accounts;

(b) what is the total loss to Government on this account;

(c) who is responsible for this?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(a) No such case has occurred.

(b) & (c) In view of the answer to question (a) no answer is necessary.

SOCIETIES RUNNING RATION SHOPS IN THE YEARS 1118, 1119 AND 1120

38. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of societies that were running ration shops during the years 1118, 1119 and 1120;

(b) the number and names of societies if any that were refused permission to run ration shops?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(a) The number of societies that were running ration shops during the year 1118 : 31.
Do. 1119 : 34.
Do. 1120 : 40.

(b) 6 societies.

Their names are given below:

Names

1. The Y. M. C. A. Co-operative Society, Ernakulam.
2. Vadama Co-operative Society No. 48.
3. Ezhuva Co-operative Society No. 36, Koorkancheri.
4. Porathur Co-operative Society No. 142.
5. Veliyanad Co-operative Society No. 29.
6. Fish Marketing Co-operative Society No. 482, Kumbalangi.

VARTHUVITHA CROP—CHITTUR TALUK

39. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how much paddy did they collect from the Varthuvitha crop from Chittur Taluk;

(b) has there been any drought this year;

(c) what quantity did they collect under the head "Shrinkage";

(d) what was the rate at which this was collected;

(e) in collecting this who was the official valuer?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(a) 2,71,737 paras from last crop till 1st October 1945.

(b) The average rainfall was below the normal.

(c) 17,971 paras.

(d) As usual, shrinkage up to a maximum of 10 per cent has been collected. For half dried paddy only 5 per cent has been collected. In cases when the Tahsildar was satisfied that the paddy was both clean and dry, no *vasi* was collected.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly